Action Plan of Assocham

1674. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India had submitted an action plan before Government;

(b) if so, what are the main items of the action plan;

(c) whether they have asked Government to broad base service tax by extending it to 14 categories; and

(d) what is Government's reaction to that proposal

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) No such action plan seems to have been received in the Ministry of Finance.

(c) and (d) The Associated chambers of Commerce and Industry of India has suggested to the Expert Group on service tax constituted by the Government, for extending the scope of service tax to cover all commercial services. The final report of the saiod Expert Group is awaited.

World Bank's assitance to Narmada Project

†1675. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of World Bank has given an assurance to Narmada Bachao Agitators saying that the financial assistance to Narmada Project will not be restored;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have recommended to the Chairman of World Bank of reconsider in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The President of the World Bank reiterated that the World Bank would like to see the Government fully implement the agreed resettlement action plan.

(c) The Government has not made any recommendation to the President, World Bank.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.